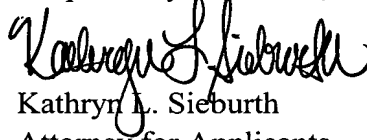


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP03/010412 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution.

In the specification, a new paragraph has been added to the first line of the specification to include the priority information. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b). The specification has been amended to include the identification of SEQ ID NO:1. Claims 3, 4, 8, and 9 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and claims 10 and 11 have been amended to comply with U.S. practice.

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